

**LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**-Draft Minutes-**

November 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM  
Via Zoom and Town Hall

Members present: Catherine Hilton, Eric Stocker, Art Keene, John Gorey, Walter Tibbetts, Howard Kinder, and Mark Rivers

Guests: John Kinder, Miriam DeFant

1. The minutes from the October 15, 2022, meeting were approved.

**2. Storm Water Runoff and Watershed Erosion Mitigation**

FRCOG has secured more funding to continue working on the Watershed Based Plan, but that we still don't have a signed contract with Mass DEP so they cannot do anything at this time. They hope to continue with public engagement soon after the contract is signed, but cannot yet say when that will be.

**3. Boating Safety**

Catherine has developed a prototype of the proposed sign that will be installed on (not inside) the existing kiosk. The proposed text was approved at the October meeting and includes:

- Boat Traffic is counter clockwise
- Speed limit 30 MPH
- Dawn to dusk

Mark will forward that sample signage to the ConCom for review at their next available meeting.

**4. Safe Access to the Dam**

The Select Board created an informal committee whose scope was to advise the select board on options to make the dam area safer. On the recommendation of town counsel the committee had to be disbanded because it included abutters to the dam. A new committee is being formed. While the abutters are not allowed to be voting committee members, they can participate in all open meetings. The first meeting is scheduled for 1/4/23.

John Kinder Mary David and Howard Kinder will be on the committee and will remind the abutters of all upcoming meetings.

**5. Dam Maintenance and Repairs**

Morris Root continues to work on the dam inspection report; however, we believe that report is based on the 2020 inspection. While the 2020 report is still not complete, the dam is due for another inspection which should have been performed in 2022.

The committee's recommendation is to have Morris complete the report that he is working on and then look for another consulting company such as Fuss and O'Neil or GZA Environmental to perform future inspections and reports.

Eric will see if we can get onto a Select Board meeting agenda to discuss working with a new consulting company.

Walter will attempt to locate the 2018 dam inspection report and circulate it the committee.

Miriam DeFant, member of the Energy & Climate Action Committee, noted that funds for dam repairs may be available through an MVP grant.

**6. Fiske Brook Beaver Management**

The committee approved spending \$245 to hire a consultant, Mike Callahan, to provide recommendation on beaver management on Fiske Brook.

**7. Testing of the backup generator**

Walter will contact Becky to determine if she is looking into changing the generator testing time, and if not he will look into changing the testing time himself.

The meeting ended at 10:15

The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2022.